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Halifax ranks No. 7 among dangerous Canuck cities

SURVEY Halifax is the most dangerous Canadian city east of Winnipeg, according to a crime survey released by MacLean's magazine.

Halifax comes in at No. 7 in the survey, which is based on 2007 per-capita crime rates, the most recent available from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

This is the second-straight year MacLean's has done the survey, with Halifax coming in at No. 10 last year, which again was the highest in Eastern Canada.

According to the new survey, Saskatoon is the most dangerous city and Caledon, Ont. is the safest.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Riding the Recession

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

Canada

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- Anne Hines offers some odd money-saving tips.
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- Putting brakes on car maintenance costs.



Pallbearers carry Michael Baker's casket out of the Zion Lutheran Church in Lunenburg Thursday. Baker, the provincial finance minister, passed away Monday night after a long battle with cancer.

Farewell Mr. Baker

Hundreds fill two churches for minister's funeral

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Two Lunenburg churches were filled with hundreds of mourners Thursday commemorating the life of Michael Baker.

The 52-year-old provincial finance minister died Monday of skin cancer. Rev. Vivian S. Roberts said goodbye and remembered the man she knew for many years.

There was the kid who wore a tie to school in Grade 5 and was so helpful the teacher called him "Mr. Baker." There was the teenager who took forever to build up the courage to ask his future wife, Cindy,

out on a date. And there was the prominent politician who struggled to find enough time for both his work and his family.

"I hope Saint Peter had everything already organized up in heaven," Roberts quipped. "Because if he didn't, it is now."

The service took place at a packed Zion Lutheran Church in Lunenburg. So many people showed up that an audio feed was sent to the overflow crowd in nearby St. John's Anglican Church.



Michael Baker

"Even though there were many painful days, he always managed to smile."

Premier Rodney MacDonald

There was no shortage of prominent people praising Baker, who carried on as finance minister for years despite battling cancer. Deborah Robinson of the Association of Mi'kmaq chiefs said Baker played a huge role in bridging the link to First Nations communities when he was minister of Aboriginal Affairs.

Premier Rodney MacDonald gave a eulogy for his friend in which he said Baker was above all else a family man. He recalled how excited Baker was

when he bought a pellet gun for his two sons, Daniel and Matthew.

"He said he didn't feel for (their) safety. But he did feel for his own, because he was now on his way home to tell Cindy about this new toy," MacDonald said, drawing laughter from the church.

"Never once did I hear him complain," MacDonald added about his lengthy battle with cancer. "Even though there were many painful days, he always managed to smile."

Beheader found not criminally responsible

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
for Metro Canada

A judge has ruled the man responsible for one of the most horrific crimes in Canadian history will be sent to a mental health facility instead of prison.

The mother of 22-year-old beheading victim Tim McLean said it came as no surprise

Vince Li was found not criminally responsible for the gruesome crime, but

said he should still be held accountable.

"Whether he was in his right frame of mind or not, he still did the act.

"There was nobody else on that bus holding a knife, slicing up my child," Carol deDelley said to reporters outside a Winnipeg courthouse Thursday.

Queen's Bench Justice John Scurfield ruled Li was clearly suffering a major mental illness when he decapitated and cannibalized his sleeping seatmate on a trip from Edmonton to Winnipeg on July 30.

DeDelley feels the laws should be changed.

She wants criminals that are found not psychologically accountable, still held criminally responsible.



Vince Li

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Looking to the stars

Saint Mary's University astronomy professor Dr. Ian Short will present a free public lecture about mysterious mini-stars called brown dwarfs on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the school's Scotiabank Conference Theatre. The lecture is the third in a series celebrating International Year of Astronomy. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Did you fill up your tank?

If you didn't put any gas in your car Thursday, you'll be paying more at the pump Friday. Gas was expected to jump up by about six cents a litre at midnight. Gas prices should be around 88.5 cents a litre around metro Friday.

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Standing up for child soldiers

Sen. Dallaire urges young voters to start getting involved

KIM HART MACNEILL
for Metro Halifax

Sen. Romeo A. Dallaire urged an audience of more than 1,000 people to take responsibility for the people of developing nations, especially child soldiers.

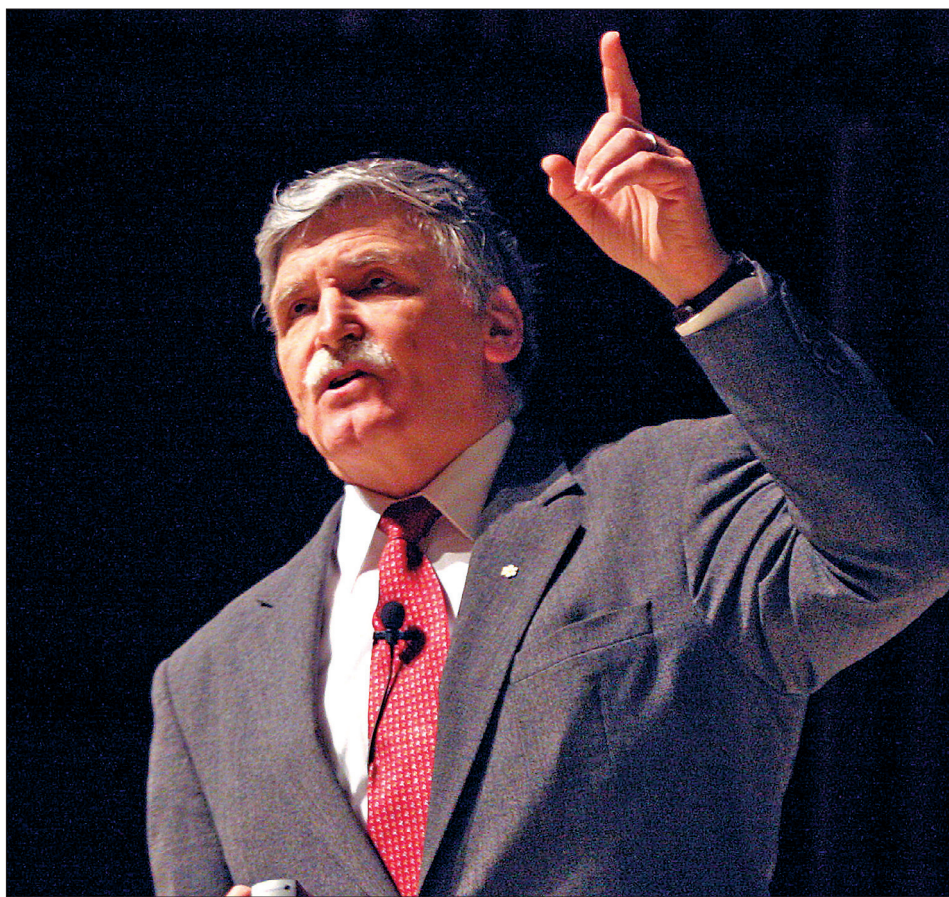
Dallaire spoke at the sold-out event sponsored by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University held at Rebecca Cohen Theatre Thursday morning.

He asked audience members to contact their MPs daily to effect change in government policies toward the reintegration and rehabilitation of child soldiers, including Omar Khadr and children in Darfur.

"You represent about 35 per cent of the voting population of the country, of this great democracy," Dallaire told the 18- to 35-year-olds in the crowd. "However, barely 15 per cent of you vote."

"So, don't tell me you're not being heard. You're not speaking. You're not engaging."

He also said Canada must be willing to inter-



Senator and retired Lt. General Romeo A. Dallaire spoke to a sold-out crowd at the Rebecca Cohen Auditorium Thursday. His speech was titled: Canada as Leading Middle Power and Child Soldiers.

vene without considering self-interest, and be willing to take casualties. Canada

must also assist the displaced people in African nations by deposing lead-

ers who use disease and starvation as weapons against their people.

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Dallaire holds the media accountable for allowing some of these injustices to slip under the radar.

Media coverage of the 2006 Indonesian tsunami mobilized millions of dollars in aid, he said.

Dallaire argued that there were more people killed, injured, internally displaced and raped in Darfur than in the countries affected by the Tsunami, — and stated that not "one plug-nickel" was going to Darfur.

His passion for protecting child soldiers started when he was the leader of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda. Men and boys armed with AK-47s stopped him at a checkpoint, and a teenager thrust a gun in his face. Dallaire showed the boy some kindness and saved his own life.

Shots fired from moving vehicle in Dartmouth

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CRIME Gunshots were fired from a moving car in Dartmouth Thursday afternoon.

At 3:22 p.m., Halifax Regional Police responded to a report of gunshots heard on Windmill Road near the intersection with Victoria Road in Burnside.

On-scene investigators determined there were multiple shots fired from a vehicle travelling outbound on Windmill, directed at a second vehicle also travelling outbound along Windmill.

The only description police have is that both vehicles were black and that they continued out on Windmill after the shots were fired.

An eyewitness told CTV News Thursday night she heard what she believed to be four or five gunshots fired in total.

At press time police were unsure if anyone was hurt in the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the police department at 490-5016.

Police warn sexual partners after man with illness arrested

TESTING Police are warning anyone who had sexual contact with "Justus" Patrick Zela to get checked out by a doctor for "all STDs and HIV."

The 35-year-old was arrested in Tatamagouche. It's believed he was in the Halifax, Dartmouth, Truro, and Tatamagouche area since 2003.

He was wanted by police in Hamilton, Ont., for aggravated sexual assault.

Hamilton police say Zela has a medical condition requiring him to give notice to sexual partners of his medical condition. If he doesn't give a warning, it constitutes a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

He has also used the names Dharma, Organic Farmer Guy, and Farmer Guy. After his arrest in Tatamagouche on Feb. 25, he was returned to Hamilton.

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Minimum wage to rise: Premier

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ECONOMY Premier Rodney MacDonald says minimum wage is going up, despite the protest of business groups.

Minimum wage is scheduled to jump from \$8.10 to \$8.60 on April 1. But this week the Canadian Federation of Independent Business said the hike isn't affordable right now.

The CFIB claims businesses might have to lay off employees to pay for the extra cost, but MacDonald has no plans to push back the increase.

"We had an outside panel and we're going to stick with their recommendations," he said. "It's also part and parcel to our poverty reduction strategy. "Yes it puts additional



Premier Rodney MacDonald talks with Metro Halifax in this file photo from last year.

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province's plan, minimum wage will go up to \$9.20 next April and then \$9.65 in October of 2010.

But according to a CFIB survey, about half its members say the increases are too much and should be more modest.

Nova Scotia has the fourth-lowest minimum wage behind New Brunswick, B.C. and P.E.I.

MacDonald said the province helps businesses through many other avenues, but raising minimum wage is a way to make sure employees are "paid fairly with a wage they can live on."

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What's online today.

Video Family of Greyhound beheading victim furious about "ridiculous" verdict in murder trial at metronews.ca/canada



News in brief

MURDER Police have made an arrest in the murder of Christopher Walker. The 22-year-old was found dead in his cell at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside. Police charged Joseph Daniel Hardy with second-degree murder and will appear in court on March 26.

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Stephen Poloz, senior vice-president of financing for Export Development Canada, will be the guest speaker at the 26th annual Export Achievement Awards on May 21 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. The awards celebrate export successes and recognize some of Nova Scotia's top exporters of the year. **METRO HALIFAX**

Doctor proposes prescription programs

RECYCLING A Cape Breton oncologist is calling on provincial governments to create a regulated drug recycling program to help some patients get prescription medication they could not otherwise afford.

Dr. Ron MacCormick of the Cape Breton Cancer Centre said he wants to see a program that safely redistributes unwanted or unused prescription drugs.

"I lobby government regularly, almost on a daily basis, for drugs that (patients) just can't afford," MacCormick said. "I go to drug companies on a regular basis for the compassionate release of drugs. We established a fund here at our cancer centre for patients that can't afford drugs."

"So we do all this and I think the natural next thing would be the legal development of a recycling depot for pharmaceuticals, particularly cancer drugs that are exceedingly expensive."

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CAPE BRETON POST

Project aims to find PATH to cancer rates

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A 30-year cancer project launched in Halifax yesterday will give researchers critical insight into why Nova Scotia has the highest incidence of the disease in Canada.

Atlantic PATH is looking for volunteers aged 35 to 69 of all weights, sizes, health levels and ethnic backgrounds to sign up for the \$42-million project organized by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

The countrywide study is recruiting 300,000 volunteers, with 30,000 coming from Atlantic Canada.

"We have in Atlantic Canada the highest rate of cancer anywhere in Canada," said Dr. Louise Parker, principal investigator for Atlantic PATH. "We are going to use the information to see if we can find why it is that some people get cancer and some don't, and how we can prevent it in the first place."

Experts will ask a range of health-related questions and take a variety of measurements and samples like saliva and toenails. The ap-



Clinic manager Heather Murdock measures volunteer Donna Hennigar yesterday as part of the Atlantic PATH study. The project will offer researchers insight into cancer rates in Atlantic Canada.

pointment should take about 90 minutes. After that, PATH will check in with participants every five years or so.

Donna and Stan Hennigar were the first participants to sign up.

"I was very excited about

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- To volunteer for Atlantic Path, call 494-PATH (7284) or email inquiry@atlanticpath.

it because everybody has cancer problems in their

families," said Stan, 67.

Both he and his wife have lost family members to cancer and have a 27-year-old niece fighting the disease.

"Mom had breast cancer and dad had lung cancer," said Donna, 66. "I'm excited about (the project)."

Fugitive Carvery flown back to Nova Scotia

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Jermaine Carvery is back on Nova Scotia soil.

Carvery got out of his leg shackles and escaped from custody in the parking lot of

the Victoria General Hospital in April 2008. He was arrested in Niagara Falls in June and was held in Ontario to face charges there of masked robbery at a downtown boutique. He is due back in Ontario in October.

Carvery was flown back to Nova Scotia on Wednesday night and taken to the correctional facility in Burnside. He will appear in a Halifax courtroom Monday for arraignment on a charge of escaping lawful custody. He's facing 21 other charges

including attempted murder and hostage taking.

The charges relate to robberies in 2004, including the robbery of the Halifax Costco where 42 employees were confined while thieves made off with a large quantity of cigarettes.

Liberals won't push municipal merger of Pictou County

POLITICS A Liberal government in Nova Scotia will not force amalgamation on Pictou County, an area that has the dubious distinction of having the most politicians per capita in Canada.

The statement from party leader Stephen McNeil came this week during a question-and-answer period following a breakfast speaker's forum hosted by the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce.

"We would not push for municipal amalgamation," McNeil told the group gathered at the Holiday Inn in Stellarton. "We would not be out promoting it."

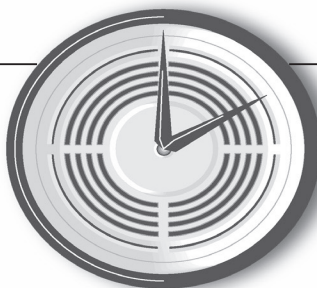
Having so many municipal leaders in one county can sometimes pose a challenge to progress, McNeil heard from chamber of commerce executive director Faus Johnson, who referred to the transit issue.

In order to move forward on projects like this, all six municipalities have to agree.

"We have a strong Scottish heritage here and we tend not to agree on anything except perhaps fighting the English," Johnson kidded.

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SPCA needs stray cat help

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The Nova Scotia SPCA is calling for action on the stray cat issue.

In a media release sent out Thursday, the SPCA announced it wants to host a public town hall meeting in Halifax shortly to ask con-

cerned citizens to work with them in finding a solution to the cat overpopulation problem.

Earlier this week, the SPCA criticized a judge's ruling of a \$5 fine to a Windsor woman who pleaded guilty to cruelty to animals after drowning two newborn kittens in a bucket of water.

The woman said she contacted the SPCA, but they wouldn't take the two kittens.

Kathleen Horne, on the board of directors with SPCA, wanted to clarify that even though the SPCA's mandate is the prevention of cruelty to animals, they still take in more than 5,000 unwanted cats a year.

Unfortunately, they can't take in all animals and that won't change without public support and funding.

In Nova Scotia, animal control falls under the responsibility of cities and municipalities.

No date has been determined on when this meeting will take place.



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Jaime McDonagh, a first-aid instructor with the military, sits while makeup artists work on his wounds in a course on simulating wounds for disaster exercises at the Halifax Armoury Thursday.

Makeup makes it look real

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First her boyfriend stabs her as she's driving the car, causing a wreck. Then a stray bullet catches her during a shoot out between the police and her jerk of a boyfriend.

"She had a very bad night," said Kim Webb, novice makeup artist.

The victim, Summer-Lee Burns, was actually a volunteer for a casualty simulation training session.

Thirty health workers and military personnel learned how to use makeup to inflict realistic-looking wounds for mock disaster exercises at the Halifax Armoury Thursday.

"This is almost Halloween delight," said Jim MacDougall, manager of planning, exercises and training for the province.

"If you said 'hi I'm the guy with the sucking chest wound' it's not as effective as someone who's laying on the ground (with a realistic-looking injury)," he said.

Webb, who works at the IWK, said it's a skill she'll use for the exercises as well as on Halloween.

"I am putting an impaled object in her right thigh," she explained. "I'm covering it up with some wax so I can put makeup on to make it the same colour as her leg, and then add some artificial blood."

With a compound fracture in his hand and fake blood running down his face, Jaime McDonagh looked like he had a rough night too.

"We're pretending here that I was on a motorcycle without a helmet."

He said he planned to take photos of his injuries because it was too good of an opportunity to pass up.

Two women working on "victim" Ancel Langille — who was shot then blasted by a propane explosion — had a bizarre conversation: "Where's the blood?" one woman asked.

"Oh, I've got it over here," was the reply.

They looked at each other and laughed.

Maple sugar woods hurt by ice storms

INDUSTRY Maple sugar woods were dealt a fierce blow by ice storms earlier in the week as freezing rain and high winds knocked down sap collection lines and damaged trees.

Dale MacIsaac, spokesman for the Maple Producers Association of Nova Scotia, said many maple producers were still assessing the extent of damage by mid-week.

"We're at the mercy of Mother Nature I guess, and she wasn't smiling fondly on the maple producers earlier this week," he said.

Central New Annan maple producer, Jim Bezanson, said he was very nervous seeing his trees caked in ice Tuesday morning, but by late in the day it had all fallen off.

"I'm lucky," he said. "There's not a bit of damage anywhere."

His counterparts in Cumberland County, where 70 per cent of the annual syrup yield is produced, were not so fortunate. MacIsaac said some maple farmers were listening helplessly to the sounds of branches snapping from trees and collection lines hanging heavy with ice falling from their anchors.

"Some are in shambles," said MacIsaac. "A couple people have said their sugar woods is so bad this year they may not even operate."

Others will spend the next two weeks repairing collection system damage and cleaning fallen debris before they are able to set their taps.

"If we hadn't had this ice storm a lot of producers would be tapping trees now, but this has certainly delayed it," said the spokesman.

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"(Mother Nature) wasn't smiling fondly on the maple producers earlier this week."

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Arctic melting faster: Expert

The Arctic is warming up so quickly that the region's sea ice cover in summer could vanish as early as 2013, decades earlier than some had predicted, a leading polar expert said Thursday. Warwick Vincent, director of the Centre for Northern Studies at Laval University in Quebec, said recent data on the ice cover "appear to be tracking the most pessimistic of the models," which call for an ice free summer in 2013.

REUTERS

Tags off at EI offices

Laid-off workers getting upset over payment waits

Riding the Recession

JESSICA SMITH
for Metro Canada

Some government workers at Employment Insurance offices have taken off their name tags as scores of recently laid-off Canadians are upset over being told their initial EI payments are backlogged.

Jeanette Meunier-MacKay, president of The Canada Employment Immigration Union (CEIU), said her members are informally reporting that at least half of EI claims are taking longer than Service Canada's standard 28 days to be processed.

Claims rise

• EI claims in December were up 16.6 per cent across Canada over the same month in 2007, according to Statistics Canada.

However, the only region the union has statistics for is Atlantic Canada. By the end of February, out of Atlantic Canada's 30,000 outstanding claims, 8,000 were 29-days-old or older, and about 2,000 of those were 41-days-old or older, according to Jeannie Baldwin, regional vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, an umbrella union that encompasses the CEIU.

The government has

"made significant efforts and investments" to deal with the increased number of EI claims, according to an email sent by media relations on behalf of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

"For instance, we have hired additional staff, redistributed workloads across the country and recalled recently retired processing agents. We have also increased overtime, staff at EI call centres on Saturdays and the automation of claims processing," the email said.

Some people who are waiting for payments are "pretty stressed out and desperate" and cry to civil servants handling their claims, said Meunier-MacKay.



PETER EDWARDS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mishelle Brown, widow of slain soldier Dennis Brown, gives an interview at her home in St. Catharines, Ont. The warrant officer's body will be flown back to Canada Friday.

Widow looks back fondly on marriage to fallen soldier

MOURNING Mishelle Brown isn't prepared to start talking about her husband in the past tense.

"I love him," she said in an interview Thursday in the small brick bungalow they shared in a quiet residential neighbourhood in St. Catharines, Ont. "He doesn't have to be there for me to love him."

"He's dead. There's no ifs, ands or buts about that. But he's not dead in my heart."

The body of her husband, Warrant Officer Den-

"He's dead ... but he's not dead in my heart."

Mishelle Brown

nis Brown, will be flown Friday to the Canadian Forces base in Trenton.

He was killed Tuesday in a roadside explosion near Kandahar City, along with Cpl. Kenneth O'Quinn, originally of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nfld., and Cpl. Dany Fortin of Bagotville,

Que.

She and Dennis had been married for less than a year, blending his three children from a previous marriage and her daughter.

Mishelle Brown marvelled at how many happy memories they shared in the short time they were together.

"I would say to him, 'What would I have done if I hadn't met you?' He would say, 'We were always meant to meet.'"

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bank of Canada calls for more fiscal action from Tories

STIMULUS The Bank of Canada stressed Thursday the urgency of fiscal action to stimulate spending and ease credit as a string of bad economic news batters consumer and business confidence.

Pierre Duguay, deputy governor at the central bank, clung to the bank's prediction of a sharp recovery leading to 3.8 per cent growth in 2010 — a forecast many private sector

economists see as too rosy.

In testimony to a parliamentary finance committee, Duguay said he saw little risk that stimulus plans posed a threat to inflation or would lead to perpetual budget deficits.

More bad economic data is due in coming months, he said, making it more crucial that the Conservative government's \$40 billion recovery plan is rolled out quickly.

REUTERS

No link between death, outbreak

LISTERIOSIS Health officials in Quebec now say they cannot confirm that the listeriosis death of a man in January was linked to the 2008 outbreak tied to tainted meat from Maple Leaf Foods.

Earlier Thursday, the Santé Québec public health agency had told the CBC, that the 75-year-old Quebec man's death was the 21st in Canada tied to the listeriosis outbreak.

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New Brunswick OKs more exotic pets

A wider array of snakes, lizards and other exotic pets will now be available in New Brunswick after the province changed regulations that restrict which animals can be brought there for sale. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Women climbing ranks in corporations: Study

Positions are higher, but some obstacles remain

More women are cracking the glass ceiling at Canada's largest corporations, but still they remain significantly under-represented in the top ranks.

That's the conclusion of a report to be released Friday by Catalyst Inc. a non-profit organization that works to advance opportunities for women in the workplace.

The study found that the proportion of female corporate officers edged up from between 2006 to and 2008. So did the representation of women in line roles, a subset of corporate officers who are re-

Women in 500 largest companies

• Corporate officers
2008: 16.9 per cent
2006: 15.1 per cent
2004: 14.4 per cent
2002: 14.0 per cent

• Corporations headed by women
2008: 30 companies
2006: 21 companies
2004: 20 companies
2002: 14 companies

sponsible for profit and loss, revenue generation and clients.

Line roles are important, the study argued, because they usually have clout within an organization and are viewed as a prerequisite for advancement to the highest leadership positions.

"While the change is headed in the right direction, our findings show that women continue to face ... multiple barriers," the report said, citing lack of access to role models, mentors and informal networks, as well as bias in how leadership is defined.

"In good times and in bad, organizations want to leverage the full range of talent that is available to them," said Deborah Gillis, vice-president for North America at Catalyst.

"Women earn the majority of university degrees in Canada, they represent close to half of the labour force, they influence the majority of consumer purchasing decisions," she added.

"They are both a critical part of the labour market and of the consumer base for many organizations."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vancouver man shot in his sleep

CRIME A 28-year-old Vancouver man was recovering in hospital Thursday after he was shot while sleeping in his east Vancouver home.

Vancouver Const. Jana McGuinness said it was too early to say whether the shooting was connected to any other recent gunfire, but did say that it appeared to be a targeted attack.

The shooting occurred at 2 a.m. at a white and grey house on Anzio Drive, a residential neighbourhood near 22nd and Rupert Street. The back of the house abuts a schoolyard.

Police investigators remained at the scene Thursday morning and Anzio Street was blocked off by police cruisers and yellow tape.

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Police investigate the shooting of an east Vancouver man Thursday. Investigators said it was too early to confirm whether the incident was linked to the drug-related gunplay that has plagued the city in recent days.

'Trust us,' says Tory minister

POLITICS John Baird says critics will just have to trust the Conservative government to spend billions of taxpayers' dollars on economic stimulus wisely. The infrastructure minister refused Thursday to give a parliamentary committee specifics on how the government plans to spend the \$3 billion it says it needs right away to jump start Canada's stalled economy. "You either have confidence in the government or you don't," Baird said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Four provinces recording growth

ECONOMY Only four of Canada's 10 provinces will record economic growth this year, while a steep slowdown in the United States will hamper overall expansion, the Conference Board of Canada said in its winter economic forecast Thursday.

The board stressed that no province will spared from the impact of the U.S. economic slowdown, given that Canada and the United States shares the world's largest trading partnership.

However, two western and two eastern provinces will manage to grow this year, though not without

Tougher trade

• The deteriorating U.S. economy will have a heavy impact on Canada, which shares a trading link worth more than \$1.5 billion US a day with its larger neighbour.

difficulty.

In the Prairies, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have economies that are strongly reliant on agriculture, and this is expected to help carry them forward this year. Manitoba is expected to grow one per cent in 2009, while

Saskatchewan may lead all provinces with a 1.6 per cent advance.

New Brunswick is expected to stave off recession with 0.2 per cent growth on the back of announced income tax cuts and infrastructure spending, while Prince Edward Island has major capital projects in the works that could push its economy up 0.6 per cent, the board said.

"No province is immune to the effects of the global recession," said Pedro Antunes, the Conference Board's director of the national and provincial economic forecast.

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Obama's enemy No. 1: Limbaugh

The White House has seen the enemy, and his name is Rush Limbaugh.

U.S. President Barack Obama's team is helping lead an effort to cast Limbaugh, a polarizing, conservative radio show host, as the Republican Party's new face, using campaign-style attacks against a high-profile target.

Democrats are taking advantage of a power void within the Republicans now that George W. Bush has passed from the scene.

The goal is to convince Americans that the party is a shell of its former self and in the grip of its most narrow, right wing, in hopes of making independents and moderates think twice about switching allegiance.

And Limbaugh, whose daily show has the largest radio talk show audience in the U.S., is loving it. He is reveling in the chance to generate a wider audience, demanding



Limbaugh Obama debate him after saying he hoped Obama fails. "They need a demon to distract and divert from what their agenda is," he declared.

The White House calculated that Americans would see Limbaugh's attack as out of step with those voters who propelled Obama into office in November's election. **REUTERS**

Jordan Victim of violence



A woman who was abused by her husband covers her face, so as not to be identified by her family, at the Sisterhood Is Global Institute office in Amman Thursday. The non-profit institute aims to further the cause of women's rights worldwide.

More double mastectomies

More American women with an early form of breast cancer are choosing to have both their breasts removed, according to a new study. Researchers at the University of Minneapolis who studied more than 51,000 women with ductal carcinoma in situ found that the number of women having a double mastectomy was increasing. **REUTERS**

ICC charges a western ploy for oil, says Bashir

WARRANT Sudan's president told thousands of cheering supporters Thursday an international call for his arrest on war crimes charges was a ploy by western nations set on grabbing the country's oil.

Omar Hassan al-Bashir, the first sitting president to be charged by the International Criminal Court, responded to his indictment

over the conflict in the western Darfur region by ordering 10 foreign aid agencies to leave Sudan, the centre of the world's largest humanitarian operation.

The ICC has no powers of arrest, relying on national police to hand suspects over. Some analysts fear the warrant could further destabilize Sudan. **REUTERS**

Russia, NATO to resume trade

RUSSIA NATO agreed Thursday to resume formal ties with Russia, suspended after Moscow's war with Georgia, in the hope of winning Russian backing for its struggle to stabilize Afghanistan.

"We can and must find ways to work constructively with Russia where we share areas of common in-

terest, including helping the people of Afghanistan," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

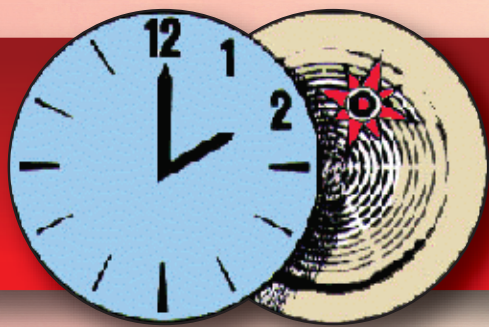
Russia immediately welcomed the move, which was agreed at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers.

Trade ties to Russia can only formally resume after an April NATO summit. **REUTERS**

News in brief

TRADE U.S. President Barack Obama should not change any of NAFTA's agricultural provisions, despite his promise to renegotiate the pact, Sen.

Charles Grassley of Iowa said Thursday. He was concerned that Mexico would seek to rebalance tariffs, harming Iowa exports. **REUTERS**



Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Firefighters know the importance of working smoke alarms.

That's why the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency encourages residents to change the battery in their smoke alarm when they change the time on their clock.

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To help keep your smoke alarm in good working condition, vacuum over the grill of the

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Beware bad breeders

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When Michelle Dean bought a Pomeranian puppy, she was expecting a happy, healthy dog. Instead, Dean ended up with more than \$10,000 in vet bills. Her puppy had a parasitic infection, needed leg surgery and now, at just three years old, is slowly going blind.

The pet store promised Dean that her puppy was healthy and came from a reputable breeder. But as Dean found out, dog buyers should ask plenty of questions before purchasing a pet-store puppy.

Pet stores sometimes give

customers assurances by showing them pedigree papers — a sort of family tree for dogs — that suggests the dog is free of genetic defects and has had proper medical checks. But that isn't always the case. Pedigree papers aren't the same as a detailed medical check. If a veterinarian had closely examined Dean's puppy, the leg problems might have been detected and Dean would have known about the problem before buying.

And just because a dog is purebred doesn't mean it comes from a first-rate breeder.

Dean got the impression from the pet store that her puppy was bred in a home or from a breeder that meets guidelines from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. But the CVMA doesn't en-



On the web

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dorse breeders, and as Dean found out, her dog certainly didn't come from a warm and wholesome homestead.

Before being sold in a Canadian pet store, Dean's puppy came from one of the largest puppy brokers in the U.S. It's called the Hunte Corporation, a massive Missouri facility that buys and sells roughly 90,000 dogs per year from breeders across the U.S. The company gives the dogs shots, microchips them, and then trucks them out to pet stores across

North America.

But the real question is, where was Dean's dog bred before arriving at the big puppy broker? It came from a puppy breeder in Missouri with USDA violations. The puppies were raised in a shed that looks like a chicken coop. And Dean learned this breeder knowingly sells puppies with back leg problems to some puppy brokers.

None of this is supposed to happen. Fifteen years ago, American and Canadian authorities had promised to crack down on bad breeding. Puppies coming into Canada are apparently checked at the border by veterinarians.

However, no one can tell us exactly how many American dogs come into Canada or end up in our pet stores.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



Worth mentioning

Is there anybody out there?

SPACE A NASA telescope was cleared to launch Friday on a mission to look for Earth-like planets around other stars and determine whether there are places that could support human-like life beyond our solar system.

"This is a historical mission," NASA's space science chief Ed Weiler told reporters Thursday. "It really attacks some basic human questions that have been asked since that first man or woman looked up in the sky and asked, 'Are we alone?'"

Once in orbit, Kepler will be aimed at a star-rich swath of sky between the constellations Cygnus and Lyra in our own Milky Way galaxy. The telescope has two main tasks on its three-year mission: Stare at the stars

and stay still.

Light-collecting devices in the telescope are sensitive enough to detect slight changes in the number of photons emanating from more than 100,000 target stars in the telescope's field of view. Some of the changes will be due to planets passing in front of their parent stars and temporarily blocking a bit of light.

Scientists already have found more than 340 planets circling stars beyond our solar system, but none of those worlds are as small as Earth. Kepler is the first instrument designed solely to hunt Earth-sized worlds circling their parent stars at the proper distance for liquid water to exist. Water is believed to be a necessary ingredient for life.

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Views

Nickel and diming Transit at the COW

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If you ever get the chance to sit through a committee of the whole meeting, for the love of God, don't do it. COW, as many refer to it as, is a different form of regional council. On Tuesday, it was deciding whether Metro Transit riders must pay more to get on buses.

You would think that's sort of interesting, but COW has a way of making everything painful. Like passing-a-kidney-stone-the-size-of-a-small-goat painful.

For one thing, you have to listen ad nauseam to

many councillors who, it seems, have never ridden a bus.

Spryfield-Herring Cove Coun. Steve Adams proposed a scheduled increase of five cents every year. Try telling someone he has to carry around a satchel of nickels so he can pay the \$2.05 bus fare. I guess thinking of an electronic, renewable bus pass similar to the MacPass is too much to ask for.

Albro Lake-Harbourview Coun. Jim Smith had his own inspirational words.

"The majority of people who take the bus can't afford cars. And they can't afford cars because they don't have the greatest

jobs," he said.

Gee, thanks, Jim Smith. To be fair, Smith was trying to emphasize the importance of Metro Transit and lobby for more funding. But this illustrates the problem — too many people look at transit as a last resort instead of a viable alternative.

After close to three hours of debate, they decided to raise fares by 25 cents. Most decided the hike was necessary to help cover a multimillion-dollar budget shortfall.

To their credit, they recognized that people aren't going to swallow paying more unless they get increased and better service. So here's the obvious an-

swer. Students are lobbying for it and hopefully this time people will listen. What self-respecting city of this size doesn't have public transportation after midnight?

Do that and we can sit back and watch late-night violence drop off because fewer people are wandering the streets. We can watch the infamous difficulty of finding a cab in Halifax's downtown be eased because there's actually an alternative.

And it will make council's life easier because people might actually accept paying more to get on a bus if they know that they'll be gaining a new way home after 12:30 a.m.

Paul McLeod is a staff reporter at Metro Halifax. He's currently in rehab for being a political junkie. It's going badly. Contact paul.mcleod@metronews.ca.

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High-speed Internet on way for Springhill:

Springhill area residents will have faster Internet access within a month as part of Seaside Communications' contract to provide those living in rural areas with high-speed connections.

Flooded fitness centre still on track:

The Nubody's fitness centre in the lower level of the Aberdeen Business Centre in New Glasgow didn't escape Tuesday's flooding unscathed, but as far as the grand opening goes, its owner said it's still full steam ahead.

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GM viability in doubt

Cash burn, need for financing draw warning

General Motors Corp. Thursday said its auditors had raised "substantial doubt" about its ability to survive outside bankruptcy if it fails to stem its losses and stop burning cash.

The "going concern" warning from the struggling U.S. automaker had been expected, but underscored the stakes for GM as it seeks up to \$30 billion US in government aid in the United States to restructure outside a bankruptcy process.

CAW talks

• The Canadian Auto Workers union said Thursday it will begin exploratory discussions with GM to find cost savings to help the company qualify for government loans.

GM's shares fell 17 per cent to \$1.82 on the New York Stock Exchange as investors reacted to the news.

GM said its creditors had agreed to waive a requirement that could have allowed them to force the automaker to repay more than \$6 billion in loans because of the warning in order to allow GM to press its case for government aid.

The automaker had warned late last month that it expected auditors Deloitte & Touche would question its viability after it reported a loss of nearly \$31 billion for 2008.

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Credit, debit card probe approved by committee

FINANCE A House of Commons committee agreed yesterday to launch a sweeping probe of the credit and debit card industries, a move critics say will pressure the federal government to regulate Canada's payments industry.

Liberal MP Anthony Rota convinced the House of Commons

standing committee on industry, science and technology to "undertake an immediate study" of credit card interchange fees and the debit payment system. The committee plans to hold hearings and produce recommendations that could serve as the basis for future legislation.

Rota said the catalyst for

his motion was the Interac Association's desire to become a for-profit entity — an idea that critics say will lead to higher fees for businesses and consumers.

He said it is also vital to investigate interchange fees — the behind-the-

scenes cost that banks charge each other to conduct a transaction — because those

fees directly influence the rates merchants pay to offer consumers the option of paying by credit card.

"When their fees go up, they ... will be passed on to the average consumer," Rota said. "So really this is about protecting consumer rights."

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Business in brief

HOUSING About one in eight U.S. homeowners with mortgages, a record share, ended the last year behind on their

loan payments or in the foreclosure process as job losses intensified a housing crisis spawned by lax lending prac-

tices, the Mortgage Bankers Association announced Thursday.

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Personalized TV service

Five major Hollywood studios have reached deals to provide content to a new personalized TV service called ZillionTV. **REUTERS**

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U.S. treasury secretary defends cap-and-trade

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Thursday defended the administration's plan to raise hundreds of billions of dollars in revenues from a carbon emissions cap-and-trade system, saying it would help wean America off imported oil.

Under grilling by Republican members of the U.S. House Budget Committee, Geithner said President

Barack Obama's plan was necessary to change incentives for U.S. energy use.

"It is critically important for our country that we begin the process now of changing the incentives Americans face on how they use energy," Geithner said.

"It's important for reducing our dependence on foreign oil, it's critical for climate change."

The plan, proposed in Obama's 2010 budget plan, anticipates that the government would raise around \$800 billion US in revenues over the decade from 2012 by selling carbon pollution permits. These would be traded in a system that would be similar to the European Union's four-year-old Emissions Trading Scheme.

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New medical device ad guidelines

ADVERTISING The medical device industry released guidelines Thursday to make advertisements for its products easier to understand, but critics said the voluntary effort was not enough to protect the public.

The Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), which represents device makers, said ads for pacemakers,

artificial joints and other medical devices should be easy for consumers to comprehend and not distract them from any risks associated with the products.

AdvaMed said companies should feel free to use celebrities to endorse products as long as ads in which they appear are truthful.

REUTERS**In brief**

BANK Canadian Western Bank reported a one per cent drop in quarterly profit Thursday and said global financial turmoil would slow its net income growth for the current fiscal year. Shares of Canada's seventh largest bank by market value dropped more than three per cent after it said net income for fiscal 2009 would rise between two and five per cent — down from a six per cent rise for 2008.

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The American Hockey League has suspended Steve Downie of the Norfolk Admirals 20 games for striking an official with a stick Feb. 28. Downie has been in trouble several times before, and was suspended for 20 games by the NHL for elbowing Ottawa Senator Dean McAmmond in a 2007 pre-season game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Surgery or no surgery?

Alex Rodriguez has a torn hip labrum and a cyst, but the New York Yankees are opting against surgery for the moment. Rodriguez's brother meanwhile told ESPN yesterday that he will undergo surgery, which would cause him to miss up to 10 weeks. Either way, A-Rod will not play for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

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Sports in brief

NFL The Dallas Cowboys have released wide receiver Terrell Owens. Owens spent the last



three seasons with Dallas, and played in 16 games in 2008, making 69 catches for 1,052 yards and 10 touchdowns as the Cowboys missed out on the playoffs. "We have made a decision to move forward without him," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "In the aftermath of the season, we talked about change."

NBA The San Antonio Spurs Thursday signed swingman Drew Gooden for the remainder of the season. As per club policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed. Gooden had been waived by Sacramento Sunday, less than two weeks after being acquired by the Kings from the Bulls in a multi-team trade.

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Hoping for Dooms day

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada



Jason "Dooms" Day will have his hands full when fighting Kendall "Da Spyder" Grove at UFC 96 Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

Flashy nicknames aside, Day predicted that his bout against Grove should be a quick one either way.

"It should be a good, hard fight," said Day, who moved to Calgary from Lethbridge, Alta., last September to prepare for the fight. "I see it ending in knockout or a submission. I'm a high-pressure kind of fighter. I don't hold back."

Day, who has a professional record of 17-6, has been in two Ultimate Fighting Championship events,

and has a record of 1-1. He scored a technical knockout in April of 2008 over Alan Belcher in front of 22,000 fans at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

"It's a rush. It's an adrenaline high," said Day, who lost by TKO in the first round to Michael Bisping two months in London, England.

"Over there the energy was still crazy. Here the energy was amazing. It was a different feeling having 22,000 people for me as opposed to against me." This time, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound

Canadian Jason Day fights Kendall Grove tomorrow.



fighter will take on one of his toughest opponents yet. Grove, who won the third season of the reality show The Ultimate Fighter, weighs the same as Day, but is five inches taller.

"He's really scrappy," Day said. "He's a tough guy. He doesn't go down easy." Day took up the sport seven years ago and trained out of the Canadian Martial Arts Centre in Lethbridge where an onlooker gave him his "Dooms" Day nickname.

"It grew on me," said the 29-year-old native of Fort MacLeod, who has since moved north to Calgary to train with Brian Bird, a black belt in Brazilian Ju-Jit-

su. "He's sharpening up my ground skills."

Day also credited Calgary-based trainers Eric DeGuzman and Tanya Lee for preparing him for his upcoming fight.

"Calgary's solid," Day proclaimed. "I fell in love with the city. It has everything I need."

I surrounded myself with really good people there, so I have good energy."

Day is finishing up his training in Hammond, Indiana with Miguel Torres.

"He's got a ton of great guys for me to train with, so it's a good environment," said Day, who's tried to cut out any and all distractions.

"I don't have to deal with anything. I can just focus on my fight."

Canada faces U.S. at WBC in Toronto

BASEBALL The strategy for Team Canada will be to compete hard in the game against the Americans, but Canada will likely save its newest ace, Scott Richmond, for an elimination game against either Venezuela or a second shot at the U.S.

Playing at the Rogers Centre in Toronto should be a big plus, especially for the underdog pitching staff that needs to step up with the performances of their lives. Unsung Canadians have done it before.

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Bills' Lynch pleads guilty

Buffalo Bills running back Marshawn Lynch pleaded guilty Thursday to a misdemeanor count of carrying a gun in his vehicle and was sentenced to three years probation. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Deadline deals pay off

NHL RECAP

Flames 5, Flyers 1

Olli Jokinen celebrated his first game as a Flame with two goals as Calgary pumped in four first-period scores to subdue Philadelphia 5-1 Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Flames acquired Jokinen and a third-round draft pick in 2009 from the Phoenix Coyotes for two players and a conditional first-round selection.

Mike Cammalleri picked up a goal and two assists while Jordan Leopold and Craig Conroy also tallied for the Flames, who have won six of their last seven games.

Jarome Iginla and Curtis Glencross both picked up two helpers and Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 35 of 36 shots, extending his league-best win total to 39.

MAPLE LEAFS 2 CAPITALS 1

Martin Gerber made 37 saves in his Maple Leafs debut as Toronto defeated the Alexander Ovechkin-less Washington Capitals 2-1 at the Verizon Center.

Lee Stempniak and Pavel Kubina each scored for Toronto, which has registered a point in eight straight games (5-0-3). Ger-



Sean Avery skates against the Islanders Thursday.

ber, who was claimed off waivers from the Ottawa Senators Wednesday, earned his fifth win of the season in his first game since Jan. 8. Despite being outshot 38-29, the Leafs were able to beat the Caps for the first time in three tries this season.

RANGERS 4 ISLANDERS 2

Nikolai Zherdev and Chris Drury each had a goal and an assist, as the New York Rangers slipped by the New York Islanders 4-2 at Nassau Coliseum.

Scott Gomez and Markus Naslund each tallied a goal for the Rangers, who have won their last two after a four-game losing streak. Henrik Lundqvist made 28 saves in the win.

The Rangers, Florida and Pittsburgh all have 74 points to occupy the final three spots in the Eastern Conference playoff hunt.

The Rangers had three new faces on the team as Sean Avery, Nik Antropov

and Derek Morris all put on the Blueshirt jersey for the first time this season.

The Rangers claimed Avery off re-entry waivers from the Dallas Stars on Tuesday. The Stars had placed the embattled forward on re-entry waivers Monday, after Avery had not suited up for the club since his inappropriate comments in Calgary on Dec. 2 eventually led to a league-imposed six-game suspension.

PENGUINS 4, PANTHERS 1

Tyler Kennedy had two goals as the Pittsburgh Penguins took a 4-1 decision over the Florida Panthers at BankAtlantic Center.

Kris Letang scored a goal while Marc-Andre Fleury made 31 saves for the Penguins, who have won five straight. Sidney Crosby, who had missed the previous four games with a strained left groin, returned to the lineup and had a goal.

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NBA **CP3 stings Mavericks**

Chris Paul shoots over Dirk Nowitzki Thursday night. Paul finished with 27 points and 15 assists as the Hornets beat the Mavericks 104-88.

Michaels to host NBC coverage

OLYMPICS Veteran broadcaster Al Michaels will host NBC's daytime Winter Olympics coverage from Vancouver in 2010, the network said Thursday. The assignment will mark the 30th anniversary of Michaels' famed call at the Lake Placid Olympics — "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" — during the USA men's hockey team's upset victory over the USSR. Sports Illustrated voted the moment as the greatest in 20th-century sports history. This will be Michaels' first Olympic broadcast job in 22 years.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

NFL Chicago Bears Hall of Fame halfback George McAfee passed away late Wednesday. He was 90. McAfee was signed by Bears founder George Halas after being taken with the No. 2 overall pick in the 1940 draft.

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The Saint Mary's Huskies snagged a pair of Atlantic University Sport women's hockey awards yesterday. Zoe Launcelott took home most sportsmanlike honours, while Kori Cheverie earned the student-athlete and community service award. **METRO HALIFAX**

Upset ends Huskies' title hopes

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The Saint Mary's Huskies were going as far as Mark McLaughlin and Joey Haywood could take them.

But even 22 points apiece from the Huskies' star guards and a combined 48 field-goal attempts weren't enough to get them beyond the quarter-finals at the Atlantic University Sport Final 6 men's basketball championship.

The fourth-seeded Huskies were upset 79-70 by the fifth-seeded Panthers Thursday night at the Metro Centre.

"Our team was centred around those guys," said Huskies head coach Ross Quackenbush. "Their numbers, 9-for-25, 9-for-23, those aren't great numbers. Sometimes that's a matter of them trying to do too much, sometimes it's a matter of having to do too much. That's how our team was built."

The game, jam-packed with lead changes, was up for grabs until early in the fourth quarter, when P.E.I. went on a 12-2 run to seize control and sink the defending champs.

"It just seemed like right at the wrong moment, bang, bang, bang, all of a sudden (they're up),"



Saint Mary's Huskies forward Ikeobi Uchegbu drives past UPEI Panthers forward Manock Lual during the first half of Thursday night's AUS Men's Basketball Championship quarterfinal game at the Metro Centre. The Panthers won, 79-70.

Quackenbush said.

The Huskies, who also received a solid 14-point, 17-rebound effort from six-foot-five forward Ikeobi Uchegbu, managed to narrow the deficit to five on a Mark McLaughlin three-pointer with 1:13 to go, but that was as close as they got.

P.E.I.'s Jonathan Cooper

went 10-for-10 from the free-throw line and sank eight of them in the final 68 seconds.

"Ice in his veins," said Panthers teammate Andrew Black, who posted a team-high 19 points and eight boards.

"By the numbers, we were underdogs, but we faced them all year, we

matched up good with them, and we felt comfortable with this matchup. We came out with the win."

Cooper had 16 points and Nick Toews had 17, while Gamaliel Rose added 14 points and 14 rebounds.

The Huskies had only two returning starters from last year's team and

seven newcomers. The inexperience showed at times, and the highest scorer outside of Haywood, McLaughlin and Uchegbu had only five points.

"We've got a lot of work to do (to get ready for next year)," Quackenbush said. "That's what it boils down to."

Mooseheads still in the hunt

HOCKEY The last-place Halifax Mooseheads hit the road this weekend just four points out of a QMJHL playoff spot.

The Mooseheads, who visit the Bathurst Titan on Saturday and the Saint John Sea Dogs on Sunday, are 17-38-3-4 with 41 points. The Lewiston Maineiacs and Val-d'Or Foreurs, with two extra games played, are tied with 44 points each.

The Mooseheads must pass both teams to qualify for the playoffs and have only six games remaining.

METRO HALIFAX

Sports in brief

HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies punched their ticket to the University Cup Thursday night, ousting the Moncton Aigles Bleus in the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey semifinals. The Huskies won 4-3 to take the best-of-five series in four games, and move on for a rematch of last year's final against the New Brunswick Varsity Reds.

METRO HALIFAX

Mayflower skip gets into Brier mindset

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CURLING In front of a big crowd, Mark Dacey plans to think small.

The Mayflower skip is competing at his sixth career Brier starting Saturday at the Saddledome in Calgary, but it will mark his first appearance in an NHL-capacity arena.

Dacey, who claimed the Canadian men's curling crown in 2004 in Saskatoon, said the key will be to block out the fact that 15,000-plus are watching and cheering every move.

"It's all about pre-game preparation ... Whether it's putting on your iPod and listening to your favourite songs or doing some yoga, everyone has something different," he said. "If you stick to your routine, block everything else out, you can really just pretend you're throwing rocks on sheet six at the Mayflower."

For three-quarters of Dacey's rink, experience has prepared them for mo-



Mark Dacey will be competing at his sixth career Brier starting Saturday at the Saddledome in Calgary.

ments like this. Third Bruce Lohnes is headed to his Nova Scotia-record seventh Brier, while second Andrew Gibson will curl in his fourth. Both won with

Dacey in 2004.

Lead Kris Granchelli, however, is a rookie. Dacey said Granchelli has been "pretty calm about it all." "He's just trying to ab-

"If you stick to your routine, block everything else out, you can really just pretend you're throwing rocks on sheet six at the Mayflower."

Mark Dacey

sorb as much as he can from the rest of us who have been there before," Dacey said.

Dacey, who took last year off, conceded that Alberta's Kevin Martin and Ontario's Glen Howard are the clear favourites as the past two national and world champs.

He opens Saturday at 4 p.m. against Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton and wants at least seven wins in the 11-game round robin to snag a playoff spot. From there, anything can happen.

"If you're mentally and physically prepared and have a couple of things go your way, your chances are good," he said.

Final 6

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Guard's heroics lift Tigers to victory

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FINAL 6 A superhuman 45-point effort from Simon Farine has propelled the Dalhousie Tigers to the Final 6 semifinals.

The third-year guard piled in 30 second-half points as the third-seeded Tigers beat the No. 6 Acadia Axemen at the Metro Centre Thursday and moved forward in their bid for their first Atlantic University Sport basketball title since 1996.

"Phenomenal," said Farine's teammate Andrew Sullivan. "He put us over the top. He had over half our points."

Farine, a Toronto native, went 13-for-30 from the field, including 4-of-7 from beyond the arc, but was at his best from the free-throw line, missing just two of 17 attempts.

He called it his best game in a Tigers jersey.

"My shot was dropping," he said. "I got to the line a lot in the first half and that got me going. At the start of the third quarter, I got on a little hot streak and carried it through to the end."

Halifax's Casey Fox had 32 points for the Axemen before fouling out with 3:55 to go on back-to-back charges. Peter Leighton, also of Halifax, added 20 points for Acadia.

Dal faces the No. 2 Cape Breton Capers in Friday's semifinal at 9:15 p.m. Can Farine do it again?

"Hopefully," he said. "I'll try."

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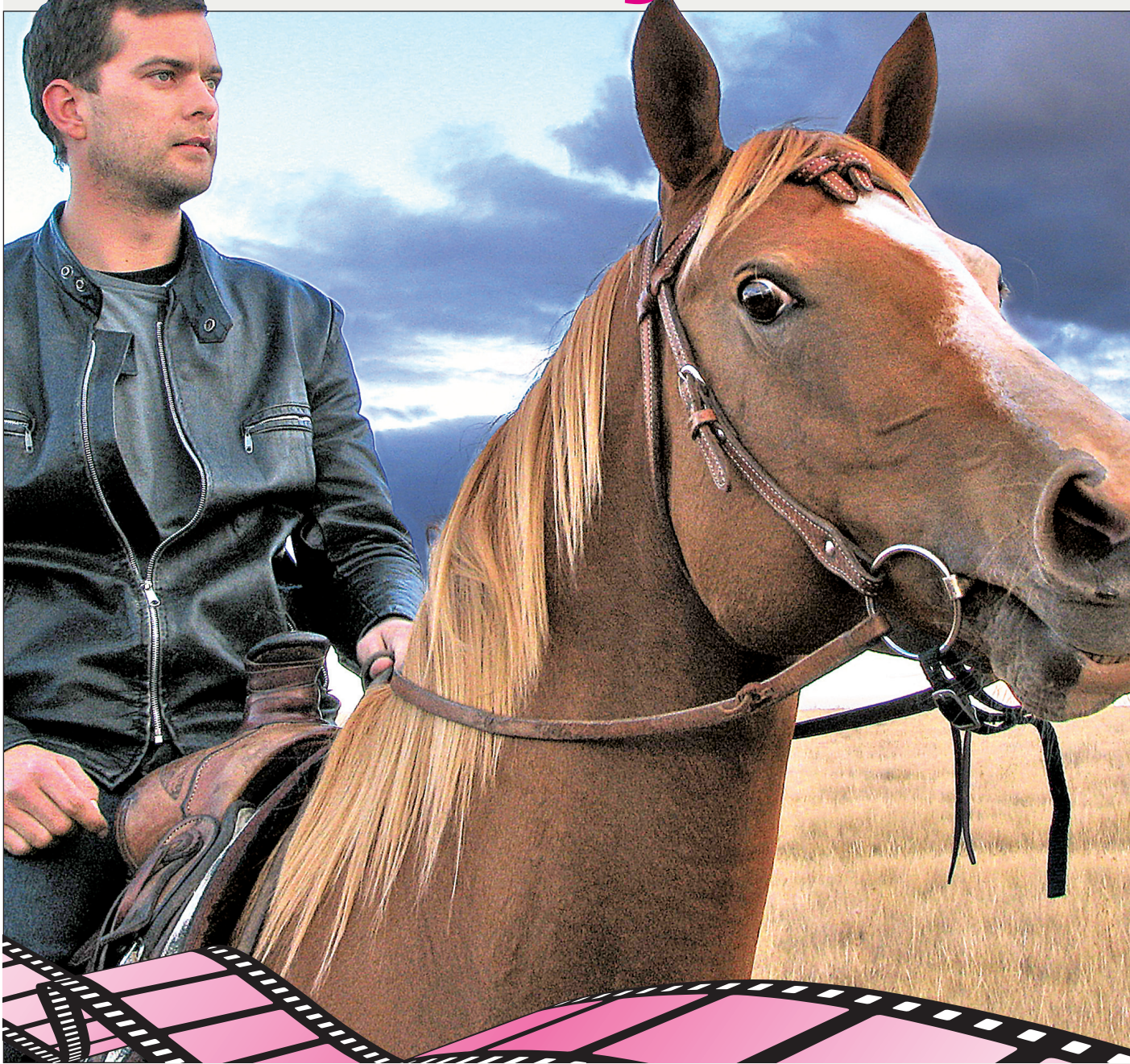
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One Week is your typical road trip flick but the humble practicality of it all is patently Canadian and diverges joyously from other Hollywood productions of the genre. Joshua Jackson and the film's cinematographic scope are both wonders to be seen.

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One Week

Director: Michael McGowan

Stars: Joshua Jackson, Liane Balaban

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●½

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada



One Week, starring Joshua Jackson, is a triumphant little film that neither flaunts the fact it is Canadian nor tries to conceal it.

From Toronto to Tofino, B.C., the cinematography reveals the country's true beauty in modest, Canuck fashion that is not overdone but reminds you why it's so much better to live here than anywhere else.

When Ben Tyler (Jackson) learns he's dying

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from an aggressive form of cancer and has little time left to live, he hops on a motorcycle he purchased on his way home from the doctor's office and heads west.

He leaves his practical and adoring fiancée Samantha Pierce (Liane Balaban of New Waterford Girl) behind and hits the road.

The 20-something Toronto English teacher figures he's going to die anyway and wants to hold off on the inevitability of agonizing treatment for as long as he can.

Jackson delivers an

award-worthy performance and develops a character that is simultaneously pensive and sombre, reckless and joyful as he grapples with the reality of his death sentence.

One moment he shudders in tears and anger at the side of the road after his bike breaks down; the next he performs a ridiculous "happy dance" after surviving a wipeout without so much as a scrape.

Writer and director Michael McGowan ensures the protagonist is neither hero nor victim and Campbell Scott's narration of the journey adds flow and insight to Ben's character.

And although it's your typical road trip flick, the humble practicality of it all is patently Canadian and diverges joyously from oth-



Liane Balaban and Joshua Jackson star in the Canadian film One Week.

er Hollywood productions of the same genre.

Tying it all together are the country's ubiquitous "world's biggest" landmarks Ben visits on his quest to find meaning including Sudbury's Big Nick-

el and Medicine Hat's giant Teepee. He also meets a variety of interesting characters along the way, like The Tragically Hip's frontman Gordon Downie and Halifax singer/songwriter Joel Plaskett.

The film is a piece of Canadiana to be proud of that showcases the country's diversity and majestic scenery while following a universal and touching story about life and death.

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Bold but bewildering

Watchmen

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Stars: Jackie Earle Haley, Billy Crudup

Classification: 18A

Rating: ●●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



The silver screen version of the celebrated graphic novel Watchmen hits theatres today.

REVIEW Fanatics of Alan Moore's groundbreaking graphic novel Watchmen hold the text in such pious geek reverence that bringing the property to the big screen has been nothing short of intimidating.

And yet, finally, after two decades of hand changing, here it is in all its big, bloody and ballsy allegorical glory. The grim, noir laced phantasmagoria of faded superheroes and the various inter-personal demons they battle is, under the guidance of 300 director Zack Snyder, a decidedly faithful adaptation.

And while it will no doubt please most of those fickle panel-framed fans, the uninitiated might find it all a bit overwhelming.

Watchmen paints an abstract portrait of a world teetering on the brink of destruction. It's 1985: Nixon is in his third presidential term and cold war tensions between Russia and the U.S. are at an all

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jarringly episodic, confusing and occasionally, dramatically inert.

However, every time the picture starts to lag, another slab of visual bravado explodes into frame, redeeming all trespasses and dazzling the senses.

Performances run hot (Jackie Earle Haley is magnetic as the psychotic Rorschach) and cold (Billy Crudup's digitally tweaked reading of the superhuman and super endowed Dr. Manhattan leaves much to be desired) but from the jaw-dropping opening credits on down, this is Snyder's show, a tonal tour de force.

It also boasts the single hottest sex scene since Nicholas Roeg's Don't Look Now, an urgent, kinky and absurd sequence that alone is worth the price of admission. And, on that note, be warned: Watchmen is decidedly adult fare. Don't bring the kids.

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Canada's got the creeps

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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The first Canuck film widely distributed in the United States was *The Mask*, a low budget 3-D thriller about an archaeologist who believes he is cursed by a mask that causes him to have weird nightmares and even murder people.

The *Mask* was a cheapie knocked out to cash in the 3-D craze started by movies like *House of Wax*. Although it missed that movement by a few years it may have inadvertently started a new trend. Since the release of *The Mask*, which used the tried-and-true 3-D but coupled it with experimental electronic music to heighten its spooky effect, Canadian filmmakers have taken traditional horror concepts and made them their own.

Take for instance *Ginger Snaps*, the 2000 werewolf story starring Katharine Isabelle as a young girl who morphs into a werewolf. It adroitly plays

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Writer Tony Burgess

against the usual horror movie conventions when it comes to portraying teenagers.

The nubile scream queens of *Final Destination* and *Urban Myth* are nowhere to be found. *Ginger* and sister *Brigitte* are late-bloomers, goth girls who are entering adulthood and experiencing all the traumatic transformations that go along with it.

The film's best piece of dark teenage humour is the use of menstruation as a metaphor for turning into a werewolf.

How many hack comics have joked about the beastly effects of PMS?

Ginger Snaps takes those jokes one step further in a wickedly humorous allegory. It's funny, feminist horror.

Other examples of distinctive CanCon horror include *Black Christmas*, a movie shot in Toronto that set the template for most of the slasher films of the 1980s and '90s; *Cannibal Girls*, an early horror comedy, and I could write an entire article on David Cronenberg's work alone.

So why does Hollywood North have such a unique take on horror? I asked *Pontypool* screenwriter Tony Burgess.

"Horror fans are always seeking newness and originality and that's what keeps good horror culture working hard," he said.

"In Canada, films tend to have much smaller budgets than in the States, and that means originality has to be found in the story elements as opposed to buying a giant kit of tricks.

"It's the old cliché about imagination thriving under restrictions."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mricha33@hotmail.com.



Saving Luna tells the story of a lone Orca.

Saving Luna killer whale of a tale

Saving Luna

Director: Suzanne Chisholm, Michael Parfit

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●●

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada



REVIEW Despite the emergence of documentaries as a viable box-office force, nature docs have remained firmly on the cinematic sidelines. *Saving Luna* makes the case that such films might have a place in the mainstream and almost succeeds, albeit, in spite of itself.

The film chronicles the plight of a lone Orca whale that appeared in the waters off the west coast of Vancouver Island in 2001 and endeared him to the nearby



residents in Gold River.

Saving Luna was made by Suzanne Chisholm and Michael Parfit who came to Gold River to write a news story about Luna and became enamoured with the Orca.

Parfit's narration, framed like a children's story, comes off as condescending and his long passages of exposition grow tiresome.

But by becoming a participant in Luna's story (he and partner Chisholm actively lobbied the DFO over the situation), Parfit breaks a journalistic fourth wall, irreparably damaging the film's credibility.

Still, *Luna* is a very charming whale, a fact that shines through the film's clunky and at times one-sided story telling, and makes this worthwhile viewing.





Doubt

A PARABLE

By John Patrick Shanley









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This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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Music

Cyclone force

Neko Case blends folk, country on new disc

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



You can't blame anyone for thinking that alt-country songstress Neko Case is Canadian — she recorded parts of her new album in Toronto, she's the main female singer in Vancouver-based power pop band The New Pornographers, she has a degree from a B.C. university — but, and I hate to break it to you, she's a full-blooded American.

The Virginia-born singer-songwriter hasn't actually lived in Canada since 1998, but that doesn't mean she doesn't hold the Great White North in high regard.

"It's definitely a huge part of my consciousness," she explains. "When I was a little girl I thought I was Canadian. We lived on the border and only had CBC.

"When I was a little girl I thought I was Canadian. We lived on the border and only had CBC. I'm American, but I feel like I'm North American."

Neko Case

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While Case currently resides on a large farm in Vermont ("I like farms and the wilderness and the trees," she says) she doesn't rule out a return to Canada — but only if our immigration rules change.

"I'm not willing to get married to move somewhere, but if Canada lets me in full time, I would do it," she says on the phone from her U.S. abode.

Until that happens, Canadians can only hope that the red haired guitarist will keep churning out records, both solo and with the New Pornographers, and visiting her oth-

er homeland for gigs.

Unfortunately, it took three years for Case to release Middle Cyclone, the follow-up to Fox Confessor Brings the Flood, so don't expect another disc from her for a while. She says it's impossible to release music any faster.

"I have another full-time band," she says. "And I like to keep touring. I like to milk it. I don't work on a schedule, I just record when the Pornographers are done."

Luckily, each solo disc is worth the wait. Her latest delivers another batch of twangy folk-meets-country tracks, each one more infectious than the next.



Middle Cyclone, the new album from Neko Case, was released this week.

Case says the new disc is about love, but it's not what you think.

"It's not the man-woman relationship song," she says. "I don't think I'm very good at writing those types of tunes. I generally write about situations and characters, or when it's a torna-

do in love with a person."

She's not kidding, more than one song discusses tornados, while others delve into the relationships between people, nature and animals. Case isn't sure why she was drawn to violent wind storms, but maybe it has

something to do with her second home.

"I've been obsessed with tornados and I've always liked nature and animals," she says. "Maybe it's part of my Canadian subconscious. I've got some Canadian in me and I need to let it out."

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The top pop albums, according to Billboard

1. Fearless, Taylor Swift, right; 2. Wrath, Lamb of God; 3. The 3D Concert Experience Soundtrack, Jonas Brothers; 4. Slumdog Millionaire Soundtrack, Various Artists; 5. Dark Horse, Nickelback. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Comedy rocker B.A. Johnston plays Gus' Pub in Halifax on April 24.

Art of the comedy act

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



If you think it's hard being a singer in a rock band, imagine trying to hit every note and make your audience laugh at the same time. It's a task only musical comedy acts have to face, and it's not as easy as it looks.

"A lot of people do really bad musical comedy," says Sean Cullen, one of Canada's most popular comedy singers and a former member of Corky and the Juice Pigs. "A lot of people tend to pick up a guitar and sing a song; it's often quite terrible."

When it's done right, though, joke bands can win over fans in both the music and comedy worlds. Just look at New Zealand duo Flight of the Conchords, who not only launched the second season of their hilarious TV show on Jan. 18, but won a Grammy for best comedy album last year.

Other acts — Tenacious D, Andy Samberg's The Lonely Island — are making it easier for up and coming artists to connect with audiences, which, says Cullen, are often weary of musical comedy bands.

But, getting to the point where an act can play theatres or packed clubs is no easy task, especially when comedians look down on joke acts, and the music community avoids comedic bands at all costs. "Standups think musical comedy is a hacky thing to

"You want it to be funny and people need to personally connect with it. You want it catchy, and so you have to write a good song."

B.A. Johnston

do. They think it's cheating," says Cullen. "And ever since we've started we've had musicians saying they hate joke bands."

"I never get respect from the media or booking agents," adds Hamilton-based B.A. Johnston, who tours bars rather than comedy clubs. "CBC Radio 3 wouldn't interview me cause they thought I would swear on air. I thought that was odd."

Winning people over is challenging, not just because these acts have to make their audience laugh, but they have to write good music too. John Catucci, one half of Toronto's The Doo Wops, writes everything from emo to pop and heavy metal. But when it comes down to it "if the song isn't good it just doesn't fit," he says. "A good song and good funny lyrics, they mix into one."

"You have to appeal on a couple levels to be really successful," Johnson adds. "You want it to be funny and people need to personally connect with it. You want it catchy, and so you have to write a good song."

The biggest week in Canadian music

Next Wednesday, Canadian Music Week, the biggest, most exhausting and exasperating music festival in the country lands in Toronto. Close to 600 performers from all over the world will showcase their stuff for fans, hipsters, managers, publishers, radio folk, journalists, bloggers, video channels and record weasels. And they'll do it at one of nearly 50

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venues over the course of just five nights.

So for those not heading to Toronto next week, I've compiled a list of bands most likely to make some

noise at CMW. Watch for them in your town.

• **The Waking Eyes:** This Winnipeg band's albums are very good, but they're best experienced live. They're turning into our own Flaming Lips.

• **Kate Rogers Band:** I've been watching London, Ont.'s Kate Rogers for a while now. Don't be fooled by her gentle acoustic sound. There's some real intensity below the surface.

• **Fred:** A five-piece from Cork, Ireland, of whom not a single member is named Fred. Fun and intelligent pop-rock. Three top 10 hits and a gold record at home, too.

• **Inward Eye:** Laid end-to-end, Winnipeg's Erickson brothers give you more than 20 feet of Who-like awesomeness.

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Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle has been tapped to appear in the upcoming Ridley Scott/Brian Grazer Robin Hood film starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett. Doyle will appear as Allan A'Dayle in the film. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Tearing up dance floors

Shout Out Out Out Out mash minimalist beats, techno synths and catchy lyrics

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



When I catch Nik Kozub, co-founder of Edmonton electro group Shout Out Out Out Out, on the phone he tells me he's about to go to work. I was confused — isn't he about to release his band's new album? Why's he recording again? He quickly sets the record straight. "I'm mixing my dad's album," he explains. "He brings me to work on his records."

His father, Wilfred Kozub, frontman for Wilfred N & The Grown Men, has been making rock music since the early '80s, and while the two haven't collaborated on a song yet, it's pops that's responsible for his son's love of club beats and synth sounds.

"I grew up around an 808 (a digital drum machine) and a lot of my synths were inherited from my dad," says Kozub.

While the E-Town songwriter has made his name twisting knobs and slamming keys with the Shout Outs, his love for everything electronic is a recent development. The band is made up of recovering rockers — Kozub played with Luke Doucet in Veal



Edmonton electro group Shout Out Out Out Out dropped its new album Reintegration Time this week.

— so when the six-piece saw their debut disc, Not Saying/Just Saying, receive critical acclaim and a Juno nom they were floored.

"We certainly didn't expect anyone to care," says Kozub. "We started the band as something different and interesting for us as individuals who have played in a bunch of rock and punk bands for years."

Now that the project has turned into a full time job, the group has gotten serious about their new record Reintegration Time. It picks up where their last

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Nik Kozub of Shout Out Out Out Out

disc left off — brooding minimalist beats, techno heavy synths and catchy, but not overpowering lyrics.

Getting the sound they wanted this time around wasn't as easy as it was before. The Shout Outs were so careful about crafting the right disc, it took them six months to get it done.

"It took us a lot longer than we thought," says Kozub. "One thing we wanted to do this time around was create a dense and textural disc, with more of a focus on the electronic music side of things."

While it's too early to say whether all the hard work will result in a Juno

win this time around, it's a safe bet that more and more fans will flock to these rockers-turned-dance floor fanatics.

"A lot of people who have traditionally grown up listening to rock bands are now seeing that dance music is pretty fun," says Kozub. "But I think for a lot of people they still like to have a live band element. Sure, our band is trying to make full on techno music, but just because we are who we are we can't help but put a live band feel to what we're doing."

Metro recommends

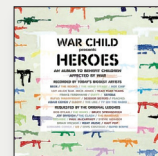
• K'NAAN, TROUBADOUR:

Innovative Toronto-raised MC deftly fuses rap, rock, reggae and pop elements with smooth rhyming skills.



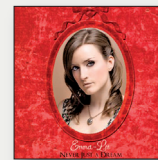
• WAR CHILD PRESENTS HEROES:

Alt-rock all-stars including Peaches and TV On The Radio radically rework classic tunes for charity.



• EMMA-LEE, NEVER JUST A DREAM:

Lee's sultry voice gives a '50s crooner feel to these sublime, jazzed-up love songs.



METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jackson to play 10 shows in London

MUSIC Pop star Michael Jackson told the world's press and hundreds of screaming fans on Thursday that he would perform a "final curtain call" in London later this year.

Wearing a military-style black jacket decorated with silver sequins, the 50-year-old made his announcement at the 20,000-capacity O2 Arena where he will play 10 dates starting on July 8.

"Thank you all ... this is it," Jackson said.

"These will be my final shows ... performances in London. When I say this is it, I mean this is it. I'll be performing the songs my fans want to hear. This is it, this is really it, this is the final curtain call."

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- 7 Poker Face Lady Gaga
- 8 Love Story Taylor Swift
- 9 Sex On Fire Kings Of Leon
- 10 Untouched The Veronicas

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Hargitay back in hospital

Actress Mariska Hargitay has been admitted to a New York hospital for chest pains, just two months after suffering a collapsed lung. The Law & Order: SVU star began experiencing pain on the set of the show Tuesday, reports TMZ.com. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](#)

Television

Chris Brown charged, appears in L.A. court

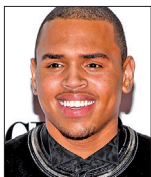
LEGAL Singer Chris Brown was charged Thursday with felony assault and making criminal threats in what prosecutors say was an attack on his girlfriend, the pop star Rihanna.

Brown, 19, appeared briefly in Los Angeles Superior Court Thursday afternoon but did not enter a plea to the charges. His arraignment was postponed until April 6.

Prosecutors said Brown attacked Rihanna, 21, late on the night before the Feb. 8 Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Rihanna, whose full name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty, is identified in the complaint only as "Robyn F." She had not previously been identified by police as the victim.

Local FOX-11 news in Los Angeles, citing a search warrant affidavit filed by police detectives, reported that the couple argued in a car after Rihanna read a lengthy text message from another woman on Brown's



Chris Brown

phone.

According to the documents, Brown tried to push Rihanna from his rented Lamborghini but couldn't because she was wearing a seatbelt.

Brown then shoved Rihanna's head against the passenger window and repeatedly punched her in the face, spattering blood in the car and on her clothing and filling her mouth with blood, FOX said.

During the beating, Rihanna left a message for an assistant to have police waiting for the couple at home, FOX reported, prompting Brown to tell her: "You just did the stupidest thing ever. I'm going to kill you."

According to FOX, Brown then continued to punch Rihanna, bit her ear and finger and put her into a headlock until she nearly lost consciousness. **REUTERS**

Plum debut spot for the Osbournes

TELEVISION Fox has set a premiere date for its Osbourne family show, giving the comedy project a lead-in from American Idol.

Osbournes: Reloaded will debut Tuesday, March 31. The show will take the spot of



Ozzy Osbourne

Fringe for a one-time airing, then run as a series of one-hour specials later in the season.

The move suggests the network may want to gauge reaction to the program before committing a regular spot on the schedule, or simply that Fox wants the show to benefit once from heavy Idol sampling.

Osbournes originally was billed as a variety show, but Fox considers it more of an unscripted comedy. The show will feature audience interaction, such as betting somebody to kiss a stranger, and off-stage segments that might, for example, involve Osbourne family members working at a fast food drive-thru. **REUTERS**

Silverman latest economic casualty?

The economic downturn is jeopardizing The Sarah Silverman Program, one of Comedy Central's signature series.

The show's executive producers — Silverman, Dan Sterling and Rob Schrab — have threatened to quit after the network told them the budget for their series would be slashed by more than 20 per cent.

More than two months after Sarah Silverman ended its second season, the show has yet to be re-

Comedy Central talks ongoing

As of last Friday, the situation remained at a standstill. Both sides continued their back-and-forth last weekend.

A resolution is expected as early as Monday, with people close to the situation confident a deal will be reached.

newed for Season 3. (In 2007, the second-season pickup came 11 days after the series' premiere.)

At the centre of the holdup is the proposed budget for Season 3. Citing cuts imposed on the network by parent company

MTV Networks, Comedy Central had proposed that the trio bring back the show to about \$850,000 US an episode, sources said, down from \$1.1 million an episode last season.

MTV Networks' parent Viacom in December laid

off seven per cent of its work force, though Comedy Central largely was spared, in consideration of 2003 cuts following Time Warner's acquisition of half the network.

Concerned they won't be able to maintain the integrity of the show at the discounted price, Silverman, on behalf of the three executive producers, informed the network late last week that they can't proceed with a third season. **REUTERS**

FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/6/09	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Instant Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)	20/20 (HDTV) (N)	20/20	
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	The Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(10:01) Supernanny	Whistler	
	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour	
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS (N)	
	6	6	6	CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS "First Law"		Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Raising the Bar (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	News (N)	
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)	Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)	Dateline NBC
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	World Cup of Poker		WWE SmackDown!		Score Tonight	
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NBA Basketball	Miami Heat at Toronto Raptors. (HDTV) (Live)			SportsCentre	
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Shock"		CSI: Miami "Pro Per"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
	70	70	70	APTN	News		Mixed Blessing	Fish Out	Rabbit Fall	Cashin' In	Sleepy Hollow *** (1999, Horror)	
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Romantic Portrait	Yundi Li	Bravo! Fact	Beyond-Screen	Honey ** (2003, Drama) Jessica Alba.	
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Good Morning	Corner Gas	22 Minutes	The Simpsons	South Park
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live	Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Discovery Project Earth		Man vs. Wild "Belize" (N)	Deranged (N)
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Extreme Living	Location
	46	46	46	HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS		Shockwave		Urban Legends	Urban Legends
	17	17	17	MM	Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	Redemption	Redemption	America's Best Dance Crew		Taxi * (2004, Comedy) Queen Latifah.	
	206	206	206	PIX	Calendar ** (1993, Drama)			(8:20) Danger Zone (1996, Suspense)			Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned	

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/7/09	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	Wrld News Sat	Legend of the Seeker		Funniest Home Videos	Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters"		
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Alice's Odyssey (2002, Fantasy) Sophie Lorain.			Comedy Now (DVS)	Peace	
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Sabres at Senators or Oilers at Maple Leafs			Without a Trace (HDTV)	48 Hr. Mystery	
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Paid Program	Paid Program	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.			
	6	6	6	CIHF	To Be Announced		Masterminds	Masterminds	Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV)		News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE		Law & Order "Chattel"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Without a Trace (HDTV)	News (N)	
	36	36	36	FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice		Law & Order	
	55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	Women's University Basketball: CIS Semifinal -- Teams TBA			Women's University Basketball: CIS Semifinal		
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		World Series of Poker: Europe		Curling Tim Hortons Brier -- Draw 2. (HDTV) (Live)			
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Die Hard With a Vengeance (1995, Action)				Pearl Harbor ** (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Kate Beckinsale.			
	70	70	70	APTN	Cooking-Wifm	MYTV	Arbor Live (N)		The Mix (N)	Living, Dream	The Seventh Sign ** (1988, Horror)	
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Death at-Opera	Broadway	Blame It on Rio ** (1983, Comedy)	
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz		Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Out in the Cold	Extreme Loggers		Destroyed	Time Warp
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Top Design		Million Dollar Listing	Extreme-Home
	46	46	46	HIST	Fitzgerald		NCIS "Shalom"		Mob Stories		American History X *** (1998, Drama)	
	17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Taxi * (2004, Comedy) Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon.			Gossip Girl (HDTV)		Muchmsc Ctdn
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:45) Barry Lyndon *** (1975, Drama) Ryan O'Neal, Marisa Berenson.					A Clockwork Orange **** (1971)		

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/8/09	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers	
	7	7	7	ASN	Greek "The Rusty Nail"		Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV)	Cold Case "Jackals" (N)	Medium	
	11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Diverted (2009, Docudrama) Shawn Ashmore.			CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Who Do-Think	
	32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14	Cold Case "Jackals" (N)	The Unit	
	6	6	6	CIHF	16:9 Picture	King of the Hill	Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
	9	9	9	CJCH	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Mentalist (HDTV)		The Amazing Race 14		Desperate Housewives	News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "The Runner"		Hole in the Wall (N)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	SNL Game		SNL Just Commercials		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)	
	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update		The WWE Experience		Women's University Basketball: CIS Final -- Teams TBA		Poker	
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		World Series of Poker: Europe		Curling Tim Hortons Brier -- Draw 5. (HDTV) (Live)			
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	(5) Pearl Harbor (2001)		CSI: Miami "Broken"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The Sopranos
	70	70	70	APTN	Great Towns	MYTV	The Mix	Living, Dream	Arbor Live		The Matrix *** (1999, Science Fiction)	
	37	37	37	BRVO	Mad Men "Shoot"		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	To Dublin With Love		The Interpreter *** (2005, Suspense)	
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park
	18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live	Comedy Net
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters Whirlpools.		Investigation X (N)		Investigation X (N)	MythBusters
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home	Real Renos
	46	46	46	HIST	Battlefield Mysteries		NCIS "Escaped"		The DaVinci Code: Bloodlines		The Da Vinci Code ** (2006, Mystery)	
	17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		America's Best Dance Crew		Paris Hilton's British Friend		Redemption	Meet Barkers
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Fierce Creatures		(8:10) The Astronaut's Wife (1999, Science Fiction)				Apollo 13 *** (1995, Historical Drama)	



Mischa Barton is heading back to TV — she's in negotiations to star in the *Melrose Place* remake. The former O.C. star has confirmed she is in talks to join the cast of the show. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

You've come a long way, Barbie

The world-renowned Mattel doll turns the big 5-0 next week



JENNIFER YANG
for Metro Canada

In half a century, she's been an astronaut, an Olympian, and a four-time presidential candidate — all while maintaining a perky bod with nary a wrinkle in sight.

Only one woman on earth (albeit not a real one!) is capable of such improbable achievements, and her name is Barbie Millicent Roberts — or, simply, Barbie, as we all know her.

"Barbie's come a long way," said Adriana Gut, Barbie brand manager for Mattel Canada. "What's interesting about her is she's managed to stay really relevant and is truly a reflection of the times."

This Monday, Barbie turns 50 years old, five decades after debuting at the New York Toy Fair in a zebra-print swimsuit. Little girls quickly swooned over the buxom blond and toy maker Mattel sold 300,000 that year, making Barbie both a household name and a household item.

Today, three Barbies are sold every second, according to Mattel. Barbie has also undergone many transformations, with 108 careers on her resume and 50 nationalities on her passport. Her closet has

millions of outfits, some designed by the likes of Vera Wang or Christian Lacroix, and her shoe collection is steadily approaching infinity.

And while Barbie has as many critics as she does fans, there's no debating her iconic status. To celebrate her birthday, Mattel Canada collaborated with five Canadian brands to design exclusive product lines, with everything from couches to couture for the modern-day Barbie buff.

Barbie stilettos are also finally available in human size now, thanks to Town Shoes. "Every little girl wanted to fit in to Barbie shoes," said Crissi Giamos, director of public relations.

Barbie clothes, too, will now be human-sized when David Dixon unveils his Barbie-inspired collection at Toronto Fashion Week. "I went 'Barbie clothes for women?' ... and said, 'Yeah, why not?'"

Dixon said. "It's allowed me to explore a new avenue with my signature collection."

Cake founder Heather Reier says her line of Barbie



Barbie by Cake collection: Gotta Hand it to Her velvet hand creme, \$20 (right), and Starlit boudoir candle, \$20 (above). Available at Sephora starting March 14.



cosmetics "celebrates how far she's come ... It has all that old-school quality feel to it but with a different spin."

And what Barbie fantasy is complete without a home? The Bay will soon be selling Barbie furniture and home accessories by Glenn Dixon, co-host of *W Net-*

Products fit for Barbie herself

Join the celebration with offerings from these Canadian designers:

- Designer David Dixon has created a women's collection to honour the world's tiniest fashionista. It promises to add plenty of pink to the runway at its Toronto Fashion Week debut (March 16).

- Foxy Originals' Barbie jewelry collection uses playful zebra and rainbow prints, riffing on designers Jen Kluger and Suzie Oro's '80s childhoods for inspiration. "We had fun interpreting Barbie in terms of our generation," said Kluger.

- For that Barbie-per-

fect skin (minus all the plastic), Cake Beauty's creams, mists and scrubs — in a specially-concocted signature Barbie scent that takes inspiration from vintage '60s Barbies — will be available at Sephora.

- Town Shoes has designed a party shoe, platform sandal and zebra-print pump, all sporting a Barbie-pink sole.
- Glenn Dixon's home furnishings and accessories, such as lacquered chairs and modern sofas, will make for a glam addition to any Dream House. Available at the Bay.

JENNIFER YANG
/FOR METRO CANADA



Barbie Zebra Ring, \$24, (above) and reversible Barbie pendant, \$34, (also above), both by Foxy. Find a store near you or order online at foxyoriginals.com.



Barbie by Town Shoes, \$130 each.

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Holly Madison on Dancing With The Stars

US magazine is reporting that Holly Madison is joining the cast of Dancing With the Stars. There is speculation Madison could replace Jewel, who has been struggling with knee problems. USMAGAZINE.COM

Going Out**Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now****1 No Line On The Horizon: U2**

ALBUM In the pop culture sphere this week, there's nothing bigger than the 12th full-length effort from the world's biggest band. Critics may be divided over the relevance of the Irish lads but their week-long residency on David Letterman is reasons enough to pay attention.

**2 Watchmen**

FILM The superhero movie genre takes another leap forward with this dark, existential tale of reluctant vigilantes. True to the spirit of the original graphic novel, the Zack Snyder-helmed film does away with caped crusader niceties.

5 Killzone 2

GAME This PS3-only showpiece is right on target with its to-die-for visuals, using the console's raw power to the max. Minutely detailed textures, near-perfect explosion effects and impeccable cinematography combine for one of the most realistic sci-fi battlefields ever presented in a game.

3 Late Night with Jimmy Fallon

SHOW Conan O'Brien's comic mantle fell on Saturday Night Live veteran Jimmy Fallon, and the Fever Pitch star seems to have rocked the coveted slot. In fact, Fallon beat CBS' Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson by a 35-per-cent margin.

6 The Bachelor twist

TV Eligible guy Jason Mesnick proposes to show winner Melissa Rycroft, dumps her a few weeks later and goes for runner-up Molly Malaney. Producers of the reality series tape the "shocker."

4 Rihanna/Chris Brown

GOSSIP The rumour mills are working overtime to get the juice on the alleged violence between the R&B couple and the reconciliatory aftermath. According to the grapevine, wedding talk is in the air. Next up: Baby news?

7 M.A. on The Beatles

EDUCATION If the Fab Four is your calling, then this new degree program from the Liverpool Hope University might just be the way to go. It may not be the best career move, but a term paper on I Am The Walrus sounds fun.

Mix of Six**HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY**

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**Great Big Sea plays the Metro Centre**

When: Thursday, March 12
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

Newfoundland Celtic rockers Great Big Sea will sure be ready to put on a great show as they return to Halifax for their famous high-energy, foot-stomping performance. Spirit of the West is the opening act.

**B-ball Championship**

When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

The semifinals and final of the Atlantic University Sport men's basketball championship take centre stage at the Metro Centre with the semifinals going tonight and the final tomorrow. Tip-off Friday is 7 and 9:15 p.m. Tip-off Saturday is 7:30 p.m.

**Doubt: A Parable**

When: Through March 29
Where: Neptune Theatre

Neptune's newest play, Doubt: A Parable probes the question of faith, morality and doubt through the eyes of a nun suspicious of a priest. The play officially premieres tonight and is a stage version of the Oscar-nominated film.

**Music for the Cure**

When: Friday at 8 p.m.
Where: Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites

The second annual Music for the Cure in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (Atlantic Region) with a musical lineup that includes Halifax singer-songwriter Sheva and the Halifax band Mir.

Songbird: A Musical Tribute to Anne Murray

When: Through Sunday
Where: Eastern Front Theatre

Eastern Front's play Canada's Songbird: A Musical Tribute to Anne Murray will have you singing in the aisles as the performance is the third in a series of theatrical musical celebrations that have become part of Eastern Front.

**Meaghan Smith Matt Anderson**

When: Sunday through Wednesday
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

Stuart MacLean and The Vinyl Café is taking place with special musical guests including Halifax's Meaghan Smith and New Brunswick's Matt Anderson, who is coming off two wins at last weekend's East Coast Music Awards.

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Going Out

Beatles hit video game stage with Rock Band

Fans of The Beatles who have always wanted to sing alongside John and Paul, or rock with George and Ringo, will finally get their chance on Sept. 9 when the band's much-anticipated video game hits the shelves.

Apple Corps, which han-

dles the affairs of the group, and Viacom Inc.'s MTV Networks Thursday set the sale date and announced the software would be priced at \$59.99 US. Fans can spend another \$99.99 to buy instruments similar to those used by the groundbreak-

ing rock and roll group.

The Beatles: Rock Band will be available at locations in North America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand on Sept. 9. The game will be compatible with Microsoft's Xbox 360, Sony's Playstation 3, and Nintendo Wii systems, us-

ing existing Rock Band instrument controllers.

The video game is based on MTV's popular Rock Band and will "allow fans to pick up the guitar, bass, mic or drums and experience The Beatles extraordinary catalog of music through gameplay that

takes players on a journey through the legacy and evolution of the band's legendary career," the companies said in a statement.

The companies have yet to disclose some specifics, such as which songs from the library will be included, but the video game will

mark the band's first leap into the world of digital music. Beatles' songs are still unavailable on Apple's iTunes, for instance, as surviving members of the group and their representatives have closely guarded the distribution of their music.

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Taylor welcomes new daughter

Get out the pink booties. Supermodel Niki Taylor and her husband, NASCAR driver Burney Lamar, welcomed their new daughter into the world on Wednesday — the day before Taylor's birthday. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment**Former 'Angel' Jaclyn Smith has a passion for hair**

BEAUTY Actress Jaclyn Smith, one of the glamorous stars of the 1970s TV series Charlie's Angels, was laughed at when she launched her own clothing line at low-priced department store Kmart.

Now, in the recession, she's the one laughing loudest. As the economy forces Americans to cut back on

spending, more people are looking to cheaper stores to buy their clothes and other household items.

"With our economy where it is today, it could not be a better place to shop. No one is teasing me any more. They are probably envious," Smith, 61, told Reuters in a telephone inter-

view, adding that 100 million women have bought her clothes since 1985.

"Now everybody is into branding ... Sarah Jessica Parker has a line that is moderately priced. People are following my trend."

As well as running her own collection of women's apparel for Kmart, Smith al-

so has her own home furnishings line, Jaclyn Smith Home, and recently added a collection of wigs to her line of businesses in collaboration with wig specialist Paula Young.

"Some people have health issues and need wigs but with actresses today you constantly see changes of

style and color, and the wig can help create the role," she explained.

Smith, who was the only original "Angel" in the detective series for its five year run from 1976 to 1981, is currently the hostess of reality television show Shear Genius that focuses on hair styling.



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Pitt determined to make it right

CHARITY Brad Pitt stepped away from movies yesterday and put

his political hat on to meet Nancy Pelosi, America's Speaker of the House, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The movie star is in Washington, D.C., with his partner Angelina Jolie, who is shooting new thriller *Salt* in the U.S. capital, and Pitt is using his time there to make a political statement.

A spokesman for Pelosi's office states, "They will be discussing (Pitt's) Make it Right, a project launched in 2007 to construct af-

fordable and environmentally sustainable housing for low-income residents of the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans who lost their homes as a result of Hurricane Katrina."

Pitt has been a big part of the rebuilding process in New Orleans, with his project providing funding for a number of re-housing schemes in the area. He created the Make It Right Foundation New Orleans back in 2006 to finance the re-building of 150 new houses. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Wise words from mom: Stay single

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has been told to stay single by her mother, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The blond beauty has been given some words of wisdom by Kathy Hilton, who believes her daughter feels under pressure to constantly have a boyfriend.

She said: "My dating advice for Paris would be just to take your time. It is OK to be alone. You don't have to always be with someone."

The 28-year-old hotel heiress recently took her latest love interest — Doug Reinhardt from *The Hills* — home to meet her parents just weeks after splitting from Good Charlotte rocker Benji Madden.

Despite warning her daughter to slow down, Kathy admits Reinhardt was "very nice."

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Time apart keeps passion alive, Eva says

MARRIAGE Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria believes that distance does indeed make the heart grow fonder. She credits the success of her marriage to San Antonio Spurs star Tony Parker to the fact that they spend so much time apart: Her show shoots in L.A., and his team is based in Texas. When they do see each other, "it is a honeymoon, because we only have three days together and we hardly fight because we know we don't have much time," Longoria says, according to *Hollyscoop*. "All the little things that couples argue about — we let them slide."

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Vince engaged

SHOW Vince Vaughn, who's been off the radar since splitting with Jennifer Aniston back in 2006, has reportedly popped the question to girlfriend Kyla Weber, whom he's been quietly dating since last summer.

The *Wedding Crashers* star asked the Canadian real estate agent to marry him over Valentine's Day, according to *Star* magazine.

"They spent a romantic weekend to-

gether. He dropped to one knee to propose and presented her with a gorgeous \$125,000 four-carat diamond set in platinum," a source tells the magazine.

"They'll have their wedding either in L.A. or Alberta, and they're both ready to start a family immediately."

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Katie's cover shot makes Lohan livid

CAT FIGHT Lindsay Lohan is feuding with Katie Holmes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The *Mean Girls* star was expecting to appear on the cover of the April edition of America's *Glamour* magazine and was left fuming when the coveted front page was given to Holmes.

A source said: "Lindsay did a Madonna-themed photo shoot

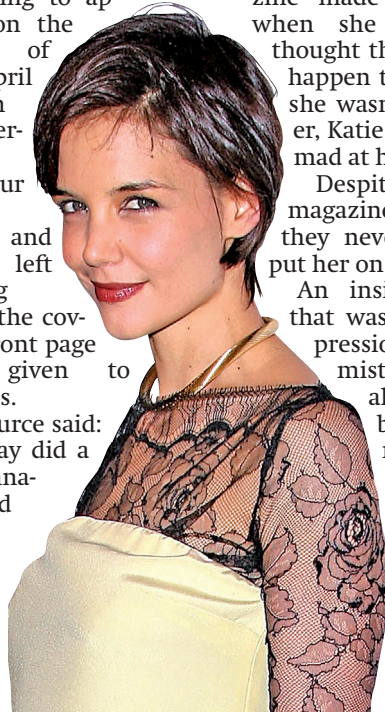
and was totally under the impression it would be the cover.

"Her Marilyn Monroe shoot for *New York Magazine* made her relevant when she did it, she thought the same would happen this time. Only she wasn't on the cover, Katie was, and she's mad at her now."

Despite her gripe, magazine sources insist they never planned to put her on the cover.

An insider said: "If that was Lindsay's impression, it was a mistake. She was always going to be inside the magazine."

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Radiohead gives Miley cold shoulder

PEOPLE It looks like not everyone is a Miley Cyrus fan. The 16-year-old Disney star admitted recently to the *Vancouver Sun* that she was snubbed at the Grammys by Thom Yorke and his band, Radiohead. Not only did the band refuse to come meet her, they wouldn't even let her visit their dressing room. "But they were like, 'We don't really do that,'" she said.

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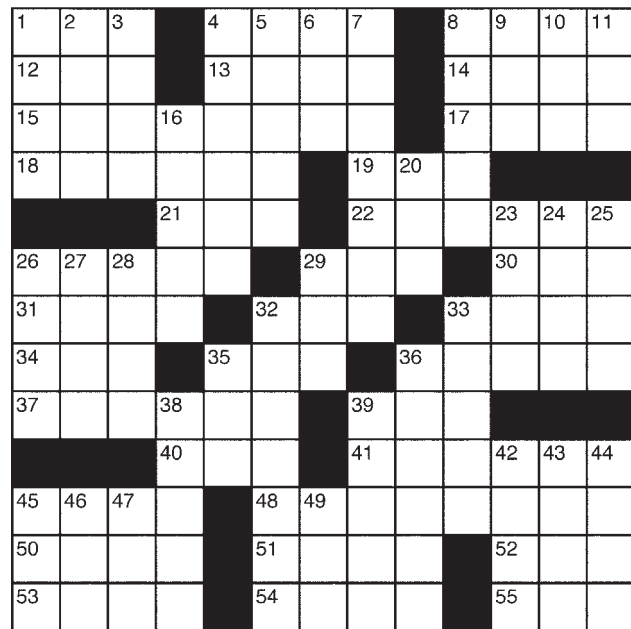




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| 4 Touch | 29 Phone transmission | 45 Genie's home |
| 8 Consider | 30 Galena, e.g. | 48 Break into factions |
| 12 Sailor's assent | 31 Peregrinate | 50 Theatre award |
| 13 Clean | 32 Snoop | 51 Links props |
| 14 Gumbo ingredient | 33 Cheshire countenance | 52 Rotating part |
| 15 Track star, maybe | 34 Lemieux milieu | 53 Sport |
| 17 Round figure? | 35 Fella | 54 Lip |
| 18 Recluse | 36 Gleam | 55 Storefront-sign abbr. |
| 19 Banjo's kin | 37 "The Caretaker" playwright | |
| 21 Whichever | 39 Inseparable | |
| 22 Discontent time? | 40 Parisian pal | |
| 26 Yuletide pun- | | |

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| 1 Cumberbund | 27 Places |
| 2 Advertise big-time | 28 It takes the cake |
| 3 Frau's mate | 29 Sauté |
| 4 Canopy | 32 Sticklers |
| 5 Nuts | 33 First American orbiter |
| 6 Work with | 35 Jewel |
| 7 High-speed road | 36 Type of layered rock |
| 8 Doughnut-shop order | 38 Diminish gradually |
| 9 — out a living | 39 Lecher's looks |
| 10 Screw up | 42 Leave a good impression? |
| 11 VIP in China's history | 43 Posterior |
| 16 Mirror's offering | 44 Weaponry |
| 20 Breakfast-cereal name | 45 Despondent |
| 23 Spelling or Amos | 46 Copper head? |
| 24 Green land | 47 "Mamma — !" |
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken and Potato Curry

INGREDIENTS:

1 chicken, about 3 lbs (1.35 kg), cut into 8 pieces
 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground turmeric
 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
 juice of 1/2 lemon
 pinch of salt
 2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
 1 dried red chili pepper, halved
 1 tsp (5 ml) brown or black mustard seeds
 1/2 tsp (2 ml) fennel seeds
 1/2 tsp (2 ml) cumin seeds
 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cinnamon
 1 tbsp (15 ml) gram (i.e. pulse) flour
 3 garlic cloves, roughly crushed
 1/2 green pepper, thinly sliced
 1 large onion, sliced
 14-oz (398-ml) can chopped tomatoes
 2 potatoes, peeled
 2 cups (500 ml) thinly sliced cabbage
 1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas, thawed and drained

METHOD:

1. Remove skin from chicken. Cut 3-4 slashes in chicken, right to bones. Mix turmeric, ginger, lemon juice and a little salt, then rub all over chicken pieces. Leave to

marinate 30 minutes in a cool place.

2. Heat oil in large, heavy-based frying pan. Add dried chili pepper and mustard, fennel and cumin seeds, and let splutter and pop for a few minutes. Stir in cinnamon and gram flour. Watch carefully so spices do not burn.
 3. Add garlic, pepper and onion to spice mixture and cook a few minutes, stirring. Add chicken and tomatoes and stir. Cover and cook 15 minutes.
 4. Meanwhile, cook potatoes in a pot of boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain and cut into bite-sized pieces. Blanch cabbage in separate pot of boiling water 1 minute, then drain.
 5. Add potatoes and cabbage to curried chicken and stir. Cover pan and continue to simmer over moderately low heat 20-25 minutes, or until chicken is completely cooked and tender. Add peas and warm through.

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Silly claims are made by a trend-setter. Have faith in a family member. Refuse to annoy your neighbours.

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A great romance will be inspiring. You'll find a solution for an impolite person. An old friend tries to pull a fast one.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



An oddball makes cautious statements. A conservative man's challenge must be faced. An annoying person's advice won't make sense.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



A bureaucrat will change his tune. A mediator makes a save. Don't advise a friend to tell a secret.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Persist even when you're faced with serious doubts. Risky witticisms trample someone's privacy. You'll be challenged by a mediocre person.

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Someone neglects important details. Give support or fall into despair. A man has done a good job of covering his tracks.

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